

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 646

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Jimmy Lynn Verner.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of Dr. Jimmy Lynn Verner, a Tennessee native and former physician who served with great dedication and ability throughout his impressive medical career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verner devoted his life to advancing the public good, exemplifying the spirit of altruism, and leaving an indelible mark on the organizations and communities he served; and

WHEREAS, born June 25, 1929, in Ducktown, Tennessee, Jimmy Verner graduated from Ducktown High School in 1946 at the age of sixteen; he continued his education at this expedited pace, studying pre-medicine at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for two years before beginning medical school at the age of nineteen and receiving a Doctor of Medicine degree at only twenty-two; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving his medical degree in 1952, Dr. Verner joined the United States Air Force, serving his country for three years as a physician and rising from the rank of 1st Lieutenant to that of Captain; including his tenure in the Air Force, Dr. Jimmy Verner's years of federal service totaled twenty-two; and

WHEREAS, returning to civilian life in 1955, Dr. Verner completed a one-year residency in general surgery, followed by four years of residency training in pathology; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dr. Verner had faculty appointments at the University of Utah, Utah State University, and the University of Tennessee; he trained pathology residents at both the University of Utah and the University of Tennessee, Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a noted professional in his field, he held memberships in the American Society of Clinical Pathology, the College of American Pathologists, and the American Medical Association; he was also published widely in respected medical journals, including *The American Journal of Clinical Pathology* and the American Medical Association's *Archives of Otolaryngology*; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner who loved adventure, Dr. Verner learned to play violin and painted more than fifty water color paintings after his wife's passing in 2010 but found his greatest artistic expression as an author, publishing ten books; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verner is survived by his son, Jimmy Lynn Verner, Jr., and wife, Rochelle; daughter, Jean Verner Goldmann and husband, Peter; son, David Smith Verner and wife, Jennifer; grandchildren, Patrick Joseph Verner, John Winston Verner, Mary Catherine Verner Campbell, Rebecca Lynn Goldmann, Ruby Lee Goldmann, Jennie Jouett Verner, and Rebecca Jean Verner; great-grandchildren, Nolan, Ethan, Acadianna, and Marianna; and numerous other family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ethel Verner, and his wife of nearly sixty years, Betty Jean Verner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Verner gave selflessly of his time and talents for the betterment of those whom he served, and it is fitting that we honor his life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Jimmy Lynn Verner, reflecting fondly upon his distinguished service in the medical profession and the military.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and extend our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Verner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.